



Weapons and Ammunition
Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions

of state and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

Archery
Longbow, compound bow, and crossbow or any bow drawn, held, or released by mechanical means are considered legal for hunting on the refuge. Archery equipment is only allowed on the refuge during the refuge deer hunting season. All state laws regulating archery equipment requirements apply to the refuge.

Rifles
Center-fire rifles are allowed during the refuge youth deer hunt and in designated blinds for permanently wheelchair bound hunters. State restrictions apply to all center-fire rifle equipment. .17, .22 rim-fire, 22 magnum rifles, and .38 caliber and under muzzleloading rifles with iron sites and shooting patched round balls may be used during small game hunts.

Primitive Firearms
Legal primitive firearms must meet the following requirements: rifles that load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, .44 caliber minimum, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets, and in-line muzzleloaders. Single shot, breech loading rifles, .38 caliber or larger of any kind or type manufactured prior to 1900 and replicas, reproductions, or reintroductions of that type of rifle are not allowed during refuge primitive weapon seasons. Legal muzzleloaders may be fitted with magnified scopes.

Ammunition
Possession of lead shot, buckshot, or any shotgun ammunition other than approved, non-toxic shot is prohibited on the refuge. Lead center-fire bullet and lead rifled slugs are allowed during the state youth gun hunt and for permanently wheelchair bound hunters hunting from designated handicapped blinds on the

refuge. Lead bullets may also be used during the muzzleloader hunt and lead shot may be used during the Lottery Youth Turkey Hunt.

Big Game Regulations
Archery Season
Archery hunting for deer is allowed on the refuge during the specified season in this brochure. One deer harvested per day is allowed.

Primitive Weapon Season
Only muzzleloading rifles and compound, recurve, or longbows may be used during the refuge primitive weapon season. Hunter orange requirements apply to all hunters. One deer harvested per day is allowed.

Turkey Seasons
Hunters between the ages of 10-15 may apply for a lottery permit to hunt during turkey season. Each season is two days and youth hunters may harvest one gobbler each day. Applications must be received by February 15, 2012 to be eligible for the drawing.

Small Game Regulations
Waterfowl
Waterfowl hunting is open on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday until noon during the state season and is restricted to Butler Lake, Salt Lake and Gilliard Lake only. In the Butler Lake Unit, waterfowl hunting will be closed after the Mississippi River Stage reaches 30 feet or greater at the Natchez station. Waterfowl hunting in Gilliard Lake will be closed when the Mississippi River Stage reaches 37 feet or greater at the Natchez station. Gilliard Lake Road is closed when the Mississippi River Stage reaches 34 feet or greater at the Natchez station. Access to Butler Lake waterfowl hunting is restricted to Butler Lake Road only. For Mississippi River stages go to www.mvk.usace.army.mil/riverstage/bullet.txt

Blinds and decoys used for waterfowl hunting must be removed daily by 1:00 pm. Hunting with dogs for waterfowl is allowed during the waterfowl season. No early teal season.

Woodcock
Hunters may use approved non-toxic shot and adhere to state season and harvest limits. Hunting with dogs for woodcock is allowed.

Rabbit and Squirrel
The use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is only allowed during a specific portion of the season. Hunters must verify season dates in this brochure regarding the use of dogs on the refuge.

Incidental Species
Beaver, nutria, coyote, raccoon, and feral hogs may be taken with a legal firearm or archery equipment during any open hunting season. Hunters must have a valid refuge permit and any state required licenses to harvest incidental species. State bag limits apply to coyotes, beaver, and feral hogs. Harvest of bobcat is not allowed.

Fishing Regulations
Fishermen may enter the refuge ½ hour before sunrise and must exit the refuge no later than ½ hour after sunset. Fisherman must have a valid Refuge Annual Public Use permit and any applicable state licenses in their possession. Fish species allowed for harvest under state regulations may be included in the daily state creel limit. Commercial fishing activities, use of ATV's, harvest of frogs or turtles, harvest of alligator gar, and possession of cleaned or processed fish and all other prohibited activities apply to fishing on the refuge. NOTE: The Blue Hole (on the Cloverdale Unit) is closed to ALL PUBLIC ENTRY.

Bow Fishing
Bow fishing is allowed during the refuge fishing season during daylight hours. Night time bow fishing may be allowed through a special use permit only. Contact refuge headquarters for more information regarding night time bow fishing. Bow fishermen must abide by Mississippi State law.

For information on Mississippi River stages go to:
<http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/riverstage/bullet.txt>
For more information, write or call:
St. Catherine Creek NWR, P O Box 217, Sibley MS 39165
(601)442 6696 • <http://www.fws.gov/saintcatherinecreek>

2011-2012 Seasons		
Type	Season Dates	Specific Regulations *
Fishing	Feb 1 - Nov 18, 2011	Daily Visitor Use Reporting Card
ATV Trails Open	Feb 1 - Nov 17, 2012 Sep 17, 2011 - Feb 28, 2012	Required Daylight use only. No weapons allowed. ATV's allowed on designated trails.
Deer-Archery	Oct 1, 2011 – January 31, 2012	Use or possession of any drug, or device for employing such drug for hunting is prohibited. Still Hunting Only. Either sex. One deer per day. ** Cottonmouth Unit closes for all hunting Jan 1, 2012. Archery closed during youth deer gun hunt.
Deer – Youth Gun Hunt	1 st seven (7) days of state youth gun hunt	Ages 10-15 (on the day of the hunt). No other hunting allowed during this hunt except wheelchair dependent hunters in specified blinds. One deer per day, either sex. **
All open units, including Cottonmouth Unit		
Deer Muzzleloader	Nov 19, 2011 - Jan. 1, 2012	Still Hunting Only. Either Sex. Hunter Orange HAT and UPPER GARMENT required. One deer per day. **
Wheelchair Dependent Hunters	Season dates coincide with other hunts on refuge	Pre-registration required. Only for permanently wheelchair dependent hunters. All refuge regulations apply. **
Turkey - Youth Lottery Hunts Ages 10-15 Only	Dates will be assigned upon lottery drawing.	Drawing required. Limited permits. Applications must be properly completed and received by February 15, 2012. Improperly completed applications will be rejected. Limit: one gobbler per day – 2 per season. Sibley & Butler Lake Units Only.
Youth Small Game	1 st seven (7) days of state youth small game season	Shotguns (non-toxic shot only), .17, .22 magnum, .22 rimfire rifles, and muzzleloading rifles .38 caliber and under with iron sites, shooting patched round balls only. Hunter orange HAT and UPPER GARMENT required when hunting in open fields or reforested areas. Cottonmouth Unit is closed during this small game season.
Squirrel & Rabbit - No dogs	Oct 15 - Nov 18, 2011 Closed during youth deer hunt	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot only. State bag limits apply. Hunter orange HAT and UPPER GARMENT required when hunting in open fields or reforested areas. Cottonmouth Unit is closed to this hunt.
Squirrel & Rabbit- With or Without Dogs Woodcock	Jan 2 -Feb 28, 2012 State season after January 1, 2012	Hunters, decoys and blinds must be out of the area by 1:00p.m. Non-toxic shot required. Portable blinds only. Retrievers may be used.
Raccoon - Dogs required	Feb 1-28, 2012	NO early Teal Season.
Waterfowl - Gilliard Lake, Salt Lake, and Butler Lake Only	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays during State season. ½ hour before sunrise til 12 noon.	Same specific regulations as above
Waterfowl - Youth Hunt	State Zone Date	

Caution Hunters!
Threatened Louisiana Black Bears
Please be aware that the threatened Louisiana black bear listed under provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 occurs throughout the refuge. Numerous conservation agencies have worked cooperatively in an effort to restore this majestic species. Because feral hogs and black bears can be difficult to distinguish in heavy cover, it is critical that all hunters positively identify their target before they attempt to harvest a feral hog. It is unlawful for anyone to take, harass, disturb, etc., any Louisianablack bear. Criminal penalty: up to \$50,000 fine and 1 year imprisonment.